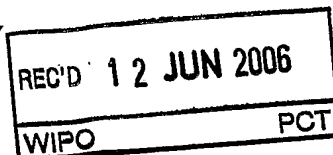



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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements*** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

Description, Pages

1-5 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-21 as originally filed

Drawings, Sheets

1/3-3/3 as originally filed

- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages
 - ☐ the claims, Nos.
 - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
 - ☐ the sequence listing *(specify)*:
 - ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing *(specify)*:
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages
 - ☐ the claims, Nos.
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* If item 4 applies, some or all of these sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-21
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-21
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-21
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

see separate sheet

Reference is made to the following document:

D1: US4832410 A

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

The document D1 is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of claim 1 and discloses (see column 2, line 65 - column 3, line 25; column 4, 67 - Column 5, line 5; figure 1,2,11):

A seat buckle assembly wherein a buckle (11) is connected to a bracket (12) via a pair of connecting members which are movable relatively towards each other against a pair of springs (19,20) to remove slack in the safety belt and increase the comfort for the user if the retractor is in a locked state

Problem to solve:

In conventional tensioning arrangements, particularly in automobile child restraint systems, there are no means by which the user can gauge the tension in the straps, aside from feeling it with the hand(s)

Solution:

A tension indicator, the tension indicator comprising:
a resilient member attached at its ends to two points along the length of the strap, the points of attachment being further apart in the longitudinal direction of the strap than the free, non-tensioned, length of the resilient member between its ends, whereby when the strap is slack the resilient member draws a bight in it between the attachment points and means for visually indicating elongation of the resilient member when the

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strap and the resilient member are stretched in tension, whereby absence of slack in the strap can be noted.

Claims 2-21 are dependent upon claim 1 and thereby also fulfills the criteria of PCT regarding novelty and inventive step.

Claims 1-21 are industrial applicable.